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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 20, 1998 (herein "Office Action"), the Applicant respectfully requests entry into the record and reconsideration of this Amendment and response. This Amendment and response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period for response of three months and no fee is required. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this Amendment and response to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.